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1. SUMMARY - THE FOURTH DAY OF THE CONGRESS, FEBRUARY 27, PROCEEDED ROUTINELY, WITH THE USUAL MIX OF SPEECHES BY CPSU FUNCTIONARIES AND FOREIGN GUESTS. THE MOST NOTEWORTHY ASPECT WAS THE CONTINUING DOMINATION OF THE ENTIRE AFFAIR BY BREZHNEV, WHO IS RECEIVING ENORMOUS PRAISE FROM ALMOST ALL SOVIET SPEAKERS. HIGHLIGHTS OF CPSU SPEECHES ARE REPORTED BELOW; THE FOREIGN SPEECHES WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. END SUMMARY

2. THE SPEAKERS' LIST FOR THE FOURTH DAY INCLUDED (A) CHAIRMAN OF THE MANDATE COMMISSION KAPITONOV; (B) REGIONAL PARTY LEADERS I. I. BODYUL (MOLDAVIAN FIRST SECRETARY), D. RASULOV (TADZHIK FIRST SECRETARY), I. G. KEBIN (ESTONIAN FIRST SECRETARY), M.G. GAPUROV (TURKMEN FIRST SECRETARY), I.A. BONDARENKO (ROSTOV OBKOM FIRST SECRETARY), YU. N. KHRISTORADNOV (GOR'KIY OBKOM FIRST SECRETARY), AND V.P. LOMAKIN (PRIMORSKIY KRAYKOM FIRST SECRETARY); (C) KOMSOMOL FIRST SECRETARY YE. M. TYAZHEL'NIKOV; (D) FIRST SECRETARY OF THE USSR'S WRITERS' UNION G. M. MARKOV; (E) FOREIGN GUESTS DOLANC (YUGOSLAVIA), PAK SUNG CHUL (NORTH KOREA), ALVES BATISTA (ANGOLAN "MINISTER OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION"), BERLINGUER (ITALY), AMERICO SORRILLA (CHILE), AND MADAME BINH (SOUTH VIETNAM); PLUS (F) SEVERAL RANK AND FILE PARTY MEMBERS. PEL'SHE, WHO APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH, CHAIRED THE SESSION.

3. THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE CONGRESS MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS IS A BREZHNEV-DOMINATED SHOW. THE PERSONAL PRAISE HE HAS THUS FAR RECEIVED SEEMS EQUAL TO THAT LAVISHED ON KHRUSHCHEV AT THE 21ST AND 22ND CONGRESSES. THE TELEVISION COVERAGE TENDS TO FOCUS ON HIM AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. ON THE OTHER HAND, NO OTHER MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION (AS REPORTED SEPTEL, IN ONE CASE SUSLOV SINGLED HIMSELF OUT BY LEAPING TO HIS FEET TO LEAD THE APPLAUSE FOR THE ANGOLAN'S CALL "DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM").

4. A REVIEW OF THE PRESENT BATCH OF SPEECHES BY CPSU FUNCTIONARIES, ADDED TO THOSE ALREADY REPORTED, PRODUCES CONFIDENTIAL

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SEVERAL GENERAL OBSERVATIONS BUT NO GREAT REVELATIONS. THE SPEAKERS WERE ON THE WHOLE A GREY, UNINSPIRING LOT, WITH SHEVARNADZE AS THE SHINING EXCEPTION. CLICHES ABOUNDED, AND MOST SPEECHES STUCK TO A CONVENTIONAL FORMAT OF PRAISING BREZHNEV, RECOUNTING ACHIEVEMENTS, AND ADMITTING TO A FEW VENIAL FAULTS AND SHORTCOMINGS. SEVERAL REPORTED IN SUBSTANTIVE DETAIL ON HOW TO HANDLE PROBLEMS IN AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, AND MANAGEMENT, WHILE OTHERS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLEAD THE MERITS OF PAROCHIAL CONCERNS OR PROJECTS. THERE WAS A GOOD DEAL OF CRITICISM OF GOSPLAN, OF SOME CENTRAL MINISTRIES, AND OF POOR INTEGRATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INTO THE PRODUCTION PROCESS. IN AGRICULTURE, THE REFERENCES TO DROUGHT OFTEN LED TO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXPAND-

ING IRRIGATION AND DEVELOPING OTHER TECHNIQUES FOR ASSURING "GUARANTEED LEVELS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION." THIS, IT WOULD APPEAR, HAS THE MAKINGS OF A NEW SLOGAN.

5. IN PARTY AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS, THE HEAVY PRAISE OF BREZHNEV WAS SOMETIMES MITIGATED BY A DEGREE OF GENUINE INFORMALITY IN THE CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS AND BANTER BETWEEN SPEAKERS AND LEONID IL'ICH. MANY SPEAKERS SINGLED OUT THE DECEMBER PLENUMS FOR PRAISE (APPARENTLY HAVING IN MIND THEIR ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS) AND TO RECOMMEND THAT THE PRACTICE BE CONTINUED. DISCUSSIONS OF THE NATIONALITY PROBLEM SUGGESTED THIS TO BE A MORE OPENLY SENSITIVE ISSUE THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. SOME SPEAKERS WHO ADMITTED TO THE EXISTENCE OF DISAFFECTION, AND AFFIRMED THE LOYALTY OF THEIR NATIONALITY TO THE SOVIET UNION, PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE ROLE OF THE GREAT RUSSIAN PEOPLE AS THEIR ELDER BROTHER, SEEMED TO BE PROTESTING TOO MUCH. A FEW COURAGEOUS SOULS TACKLED THE PROBLEM OF FOREIGN PROPAGANDA AND THE COMPARATIVE MERITS OF SOCIALIST AND BOURGEOIS FREEDOMS.

6. IN FOREIGN POLICY, DIFFERENCES IN EMPHASIS WERE MORE PRO- NOUNCED. PRACTICALLY EVERYBODY MADE AT LEAST A RITUAL APPROVAL OF THE POLICY OF RELAXING TENSIONS. SOME SELECTED MAOISM AS THEIR PRINCIPAL TARGET WHILE OTHERS WARNED OF A SERIOUS CHALLENGE FROM IMPERIALISTS AND REACTIONARIES WHO SOUGHT TO USE IMPROVED EAST-WEST RELATIONS FOR UNDERMINING SOCIALISM, SUBVERTING THE SOVIET WAY OF LIFE, AND SEWING DISUNITY AMONG THE SOVIET NATIONALITIES. (THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE SOVIET CONCEPT OF DETENTE COULD BE EXPECTED TO MENTION THIS NEGATIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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ASPECT, ALTHOUGH IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT SOME SPEAKERS WERE ACCENTING THE NEGATIVE BECAUSE OF AN UNEASINESS ABOUT THE BASIC POLICY). WHILE SOME SPEAKERS MENTIONED CSCE IN VARIOUS CON- TEXTS, VIRTUALLY NO ONE MENTIONED THE US SPECIFICALLY.

7. I.V. KAPITONOV, CHAIRMAN OF THE MANDATE COMMISSION (AND CC SECRETARY): AFTER SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS OF PRAISE FOR BREZHNEV (HE HAS WON THE DEEP RESPECT AND SINCERE GRATITUDE OF COMMUNISTS, WORKERS OF OUR COUNTRY, OF ALL PROGRESSIVE MANKIND, ETC.), KAPITONOV PRESENTED STATISTICAL DATA ON THE CONGRESS ALONG THE LINES OF HIS REPORT TO THE 24TH CONGRESS. THE PRO- FILE OF THE 25TH CONGRESS, ACCORDING TO KAPITONOV'S DATA, IS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THAT OF THE 24TH (THE FIGURES IN PARENTHESES ARE FROM THE 24TH CONGRESS):

-- THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES IS 4,998 (4,963), OF WHICH ABOUT 74 PERCENT ARE ATTENDING THEIR FIRST CPSU CONGRESS;

-- ABOUT THREE FIFTHS ARE FROM THE RSFSR;

-- ABOUT ONE FIFTH ARE PROFESSIONAL PARTY WORKERS;

-- ABOUT 78 PERCENT (76 PERCENT) ARE BETWEEN 36 AND 60
YEARS OF AGE, WHILE SOME 10 PERCENT (6 PERCENT) ARE OVER 60;

-- ALMOST FOUR FIFTHS ENTERED THE PARTY AFTER WORLD
WAR 11.

OF INTEREST IS THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF RUSSIAN DELEGATES AND
THE FACT THAT THE AVERAGE IS SOMEWHAT OLDER THAN
WAS HIS COUNTERPART AT THE 24TH CONGRESS.

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8. I.I. BODYUL, FIRST SECRETARY OF MOLDAVIAN CP: BODYUL
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ADDRESSED TWO PRINCIPAL TOPICS: THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROSPECTS OF INTEGRATING AGRICULTURE WITH INDUSTRIAL AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES INTO NEW AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES, AND THE EVILS OF CONSORTING WITH MAOSIM. HE ASSESSED THE FORMER AS A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TREND. THE LANGUAGE OF THE LATTER SEEMED CLEARLY AIMED AT ROMANIA. HE ALSO GAVE A STRONG PLUG FOR ACCELERATING THE EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES GEARED TO THE PRODUCTION OF CONSUMER GOODS, NOTING THAT THIS WAS NOW THE PARTY'S OBJECTIVE, WHILE IN EARLIER TIMES THE OBJECTIVE WAS ELECTRIFICATION, INDUSTRIALIZATION, AND THE COLLECTIVIZATION OF AGRICULTURE.

9. SPEAKING OF MAOISM'S HOSTILITY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION AND THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, BODYUL SAID: "SOME ABROAD ARE NOT PLEASED THAT WE EXPRESS PRINCIPLED DISAGREEMENT WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF MAOISTS DIRECTED AGAINST OUR PARTY, AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. BUT IT IS NOW PERFECTLY CLEAR TO EVERY TRUE MARXIST THAT WHAT LIES AT THE BASE OF THE SCHISMATIC, HEGEMONIC TENDENCIES OF MAO'S CLIQUE IS NOT SOME SORT OF SCIENTIFIC CONCEPT, BUT A RABIDLY ANTI-SOVIET, ANTI-INTERNATIONALIST POLICY." HE CITED THE FUTILE EFFORTS BY THE CPSU AND BREZHNEV PERSONALLY TO SAVE THE CHINESE, THROUGH GOOD WILL AND PATIENT EFFORT, "FROM SLIDING FURTHER INTO THE SWAMP OF EXTREME REACTION."

10. D. RASULOV, TADZHIK COMMUNIST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY:
RASULOV MANAGED TO BRING PERSONAL PRAISE OF BREZHNEV INTO EVERY SECTION OF AN OTHERWISE ROUTINE SPEECH. THE FOREIGN POLICY SECTION CONTAINED A STERN CRITICISM OF THE MAOISTS WHO WERE MAINTAINING "BASELESS TERRITORIAL CLAIMS" ON THE USSR. TAKZHIKISTAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WAS PRAISED AND STILL MORE WAS PROMISED FOR THE 10TH FIVE YEAR PLAN. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL FOCUS ON HYDROELECTRICITY, AN ALUMINUM FACTORY AND CHEMICALS. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY COTTON, WILL BE IMPROVED THANKS TO INCREASED IRRIGATION AND BETTER INTEGRATION AND COOPERATION AMONG AGRICULTURAL UNITS. THE OBLIGATORY MENTION OF GREAT RUSSIAN ASSISTANCE TO TADZHIK CULTURAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WAS FAIRLY MUTED. RASULOV CRITICIZED SHORTCOMINGS IN PLANNING AND FAULTY ECONOMIC ANALYSIS. HE MENTIONED ERRORS OF GOSPLAN AND OF MINISTRIES, BUT CONCEDED THAT THERE WERE FAULTS AT THE REPUBLIC LEVEL AS WELL.
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11. I.G. KEBIN, FIRST SECRETARY, ESTONIAN CP: KEBIN'S
RELATIVELY INTERESTING SPEECH COMBINED EFFUSIVE FLATTERY OF

BREZHNEV WITH PRACTICAL COMMENTS ON PROBLEMS OF ECONOMICS AND PARTY ORGANIZATION. ESTONIA'S ECONOMIC SUCCESSES MAY PARTY EXPLAIN HIS DETAILED COMMENTS ON SEVERAL STEPS TAKEN THERE TO REORGANIZE AND IMPROVE THE WORK OF EXISTING ENTERPRISES. HE SAID THAT THE GOOD RESULTS IN THE CATTLE AND DAIRY SECTORS WERE DUE TO A SERIES OF RECENT REFORMS LEADING TO CONCENTRATION AND INTEGRATION, ALTHOUGH STILL MORE COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IF THERE WAS MORE AND BETTER MACHINERY. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE PAPER INDUSTRY NEEDED GREATER ATTENTION. NOTING THAT THE PARTY ORGANIZATION WORKED UNUSUALLY WELL -- THANKS PRIMARILY TO BREZHNEV -- KEBIN SUGGESTED THAT MORE LOW-LEVEL PARTY COORDINATION WAS NEEDED, PARTICULARLY AMONG PARTY ORGANIZATIONS IN GEOGRAPHICALLY WIDESPREAD ECONOMIC ASSOCIATIONS.

12. KEBIN PRAISED BREZHNEV'S ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA AND NOTED THE MUTUALLY USEFUL BENEFITS OF CLOSER INTEGRATION AMONG THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. REFERRING TO HIS OWN TRAVELS, HE COMMENTED THE VALUE OF CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NON-RULING PARTIES AND THOSE IN POWER. KEBIN CRITICIZED PEKING, CALLING ITS LEADERS WORSE THAN THE CAPITALISTS: THEY WERE SUPPORTING CHILEAN FASCISTS AND SOUTH AFRICAN RACISTS AND EVEN - IN AN INTERESTING ALLUSION - "THE RABBLE OF THE BALTIC EMIGRATION."

13. M.G. GAPUROV, FIRST SECRETARY, TURKMENISTAN COMMUNIST PARTY: GAPUROV'S SPEECH WAS REMARKABLE PRIMARILY FOR ITS LACK OF CONTENT. BREZHNEV'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN TURKMEN AFFAIRS WAS TWICE MENTIONED, AND RITUAL OBEISANCE WAS PAID TO THE ROLE OF THE GREAT RUSSIANS IN TURKMENISTAN'S CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. GAPUROV DETAILED THE REPUBLIC'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND THEN WENT ON TO CRITICIZE CERTAIN MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR NOT PROVIDING PROMISED ASSISTANCE. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE KAEA-BOGAZ-GOL MINERAL COMPLEX, THE REGULATION OF THE CASPIAN SEA'S WATER LEVEL, AND RAIL AND ROAD LINKS AS EXAMPLES. HE ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH RASHIDOV'S EARLIER COMMENTS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF TRANSFERRING THE FLOW OF SIBERIAN RIVERS TO CENTRAL ASIA. HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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ONE FOREIGN POLICY COMMENT WAS A STANDARD AND BRIEF CASTIGATION OF "MAOISTS."

14. I.A. BONDARENKO, ROSTOV OBKOM FIRST SECRETARY: IALNAAZENTIRELY UNIMAGINATIVE SPEECH, BONDARENKO NOTED THAT THE ATOMIC MACHINE BUILDING PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT VOLGODONSK WOULD BEGIN WORK ON ITS FIRST NUCLEAR REACTOR NEXT YEAR. HE COMMENDED THE PARTY'S AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AND CITED BREZHNEV'S PERSONAL ROLE IN THE CURRENT EMPHASIS ON SPECIALIZATION AND CONCENTRATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AS WELL AS LAND RECLAMATION.

15. YE. M. TYAZHEL'NIKOV, KOMSOMOL FIRST SECRETARY: IN ADDITION TO PLEDGING SOVIET YOUTHS' DEVOTION TO THE COMMUNIST CAUSE, TYAZHEL'NIKOV INTRODUCED A NEW TECHNIQUE FOR ALUDING THE GENERAL SECRETARY. SOMEONE DUG UP A 1935 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ENTITLED "HIS NAME - BELSHEVIK", WHICH DESCRIBED YOUNG COMMUNIST BREZHNEV ("I CANNOT IMAGINE WHERE THIS PERSON FINDS ALL HIS ENERGY AND CAPACITY FOR WLRK," ETC.). AS TYAZHEL'NIKOV FINISHED READING THE ARTICLE, BREZHNEV, APPARENTLY SURPRISED AT THIS PAGE FROM THE PAST, ASKED TYAZHEL'NIKOV TO HAND HIM THE ARTICLE. BREZHNEV AND PODGORNYY EXAMINED THE ARTICLE WITH APPARENT GREAT INTEREST, WHILE APPLAUSE SWEEPED THROUGH THE HALL. ON OTHER MATTERS, TYAZHEL'NIKOV NOTED IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO RECONSIDER THE QUESTION OF WORKING OUT A SPECIAL "LAW REGARDING YOUTH". HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT PREPARATORY WORK WAS UNDERWAY FOR THE 11TH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN CUBA.

16. G.M. MARKOV, FIRST SECRETARY, UNION OF WRITERS USSR: AS A "MAN OF LETTERS", MARKOV BROUGHT TO THE TASK OF PRAISING THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND BREZHNEV PERSONALLY, AND THEIR BENEFICENT EFFECT OF SOVIET LITERATURE AND WRITERS, THE LITERARY GRACES AND SKILLS OF AN 18TH CENTURY COURTIER PLAYING THE TOADY, AND A MUCH HIGHER ABILITY TO INDUCE NAUSEA IN THE LISTENER OR READER (AT LEAST FROM THIS EMBASSY) THAN THE RELATIVELY UNLETTERED FIRST SECRETARIES OF THE OBKOM AND EVEN NATIONAL LEVEL.

THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS PERORTION DEALT WITH PROBLEMS OF LITERARY EXCHANGE:
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-- THE WRITERS OF THE USSR APPROVE, WITHOUT QUALIFICATION, THE FOREIGN POLICY COURSE OF DETENTE SET BY THE CPSU AND BREZHNEV PERSONALLY;

-- CSCE OPENED NEW PERSPECTIVES AND POSSIBILITIES FOR LITERARY EXCHANGE WHICH "WE WILL TRY TO UTILIZE TO THEIR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL";

-- UNFORTUNATELY, THOSE IN THE WEST PRETEND THAT IT IS THE WORLD OF SOCIALISM THAT SEEKS TO HOLD BACK CULTURAL EXCHANGE.

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17. IN SUPPORT OF HIS CONTENTION, MARKOV CITED THAT FACT
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THAT IN THE POSTWAR YEARS, THE USSR PUBLISHED 7,000 WORKS BY
AMERICAN WRITERS AND 4,500 BY FRENCH AND BRITISH WRITERS, IN A
TOTAL OF 600 MILLION COPIES. AND HOW MANY SOVIET WORKS, HE
ASKED RHETORICALLY, HAVE THESE COUNTRIES PUBLISHED? "FEW, VERY
FEW, MANY TIMES FEWER THAN WE DID. THEN WHO IS HOLDING BACK,
WHO IS IN WHOSE DEBT?"

18. MARKOV NEXT LAUNCHED A VITUPERATIVE ATTACK ON "ANTI-
SOVIETS, ANTI-COMMUNISTS, ZIONISTS, MAOISTS, REVISIONISTS OF
VARIOUS HUES, ADVENTURER-DEFECTORS" ALL OF WHOM ARE UNITED IN
THEIR HATRED OF SOVIET LITERATURE, IN THEIR DESIRE TO
DESTROY THE UNITY BETWEEN THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND SOVIET
WRITERS, AND IN THE SUPPORT THEY ENJOY FROM IMPERIALIST
"SPECIAL SERVICES." HE ENDED WITH AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT

"WITHIN A FEW YEARS THERE WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE USSR AN ALL-UNION ACADEMY OF LITERATURE AND ART, WHICH WOULD UNITE THE EFFORTS OF THE LITERARY AND FINE ARTS AND CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON DEVELOPING THE PROBLEMS OF A COMMUNIST CULTURE."
COMMENT - MARKOV'S ORTHODOX PRESENTATION PROBABLY WILL CAUSE UNEASE AMONG SOVIET CREATIVE INTELLECTUALS, PARTICULARLY IF THEY READ IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRAISE OF NOTORIOUS STALINIST ANDRY ZHDANOV, CONTAINED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF "KOMMUNIST" (REPORTED SEPTEL). END COMMENT

19. A.E. VOSS, FIRST SECRETARY OF LATVIAN CP (FROM FEBRUARY 26): IN STATING LATVIA'S ENDORSEMENT OF DETENTE, VOSS CITED THE LARGE NUMBER OF LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE LATVIAN PARTY EXPRESSING POPULAR SUPPORT OF THIS POLICY AS WELL AS APPRECIATION FOR 30 YEARS OF PEACE. THE ONLY THREAT TO DETENTE VOSS DISCUSSED WAS THAT COMING FROM MAOIST CHINA; HE DID NOT SEEM ANXIOUS TO ADD EVEN INCREMENTALLY TO THE PROBLEMS BESETTING DETENTE IN THE WEST BY SO MUCH AS A MENTION OF THE IMPERIALISTS.

20. TURNING TO THE ECONOMY, VOSS MADE THE USUAL INVOCATION TO THE DROUGHT -- A COMMON FEATURE OF SPEAKERS AT THE CONGRESS -- BEFORE FOCUSING ON THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR. HIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM WAS WITH THE LIMPING WOOL FABRIC INDUSTRY, WHERE PIECEMEAL INVESTMENT HAD NOT IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCT. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE USSR MINISTRY FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY UNDERTAKE A FUNDAMENTAL MODERNIZATION OF ENTERPRISES
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IN THIS FIELD. HE ALSO FOUND FAULT WITH THE STATE OF THE "MULTI-BRANCH" ENTERPRISES REQUIRING INPUTS FROM SEVERAL BASIC BRANCHES OF THE ECONOMY, AND ASKED GOSPLAN TO WORK OUT A "MORE PRECISE AND RELIABLE METHOD OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT" FOR BUILDING SUCH ENTERPRISES.

21. VOSS DWELT AT LENGTH ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTIVATING AND STRENGTHENING AMONG THE NATIONALITIES A SENSE OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND CONSCIOUSNESS OF BELONGING TO A LARGER SOCIALIST NATIONHOOD. HE ALSO DISCUSSED THE IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE IN THE SOVIET UNION, INVOLVING SUCH INTANGIBLES AS "ATTENTIVE AND RESPECTFUL CONSIDERATION FOR CADRES", AND THE "CREATION OF A FAVORABLE MORAL-POLITICAL CLIMATE THAT FACILITATES ACTIVE CREATIVE LABOR, GENUINE RELAXATION AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT;" IN SHORT, "PEOPLE BREATHE MORE EASILY, WORK BETTER, AND LIVE QUIETLY."

22. T.U. USUBALIYEV, FIRST SECRETARY, KIRGHIZ CP (FROM FEBRUARY 26): USUBALIYEV APPLAUDED POLITBURO AND SECRETARIAT CADRE POLICY, AND TERMED THE WORK OF THE POLITBURO UNDER BREZHNEV AN EXAMPLE OF SERVICE TO THE HOMELAND, PARTY AND PEOPLE. THE NATIONALITY PROBLEM HAS BEEN SOLVED; AND BREZHNEV'S ARTICLE FOR THE USSR'S 50 ANNIVERSARY WAS A

REMARKABLE, INSIGHTFUL DOCUMENT; KIRGIZ CULTURE WAS DEVELOPING NICELY, THANKS TO THE HELP AND INTEREST FROM OTHER NATIONALITIES, ESPECIALLY, THE GREAT RUSSIANS, WHOSE CULTURE AND LANGUAGE PROVIDE THE BEST WAY TO BRING TOGETHER ALL SOVIET PEOPLES.

23. USUBALIYEV THEN ATTACKED THE PRC AND THE MAOISTS, ACCUSING THEM OF COLLABORATING WITH CAPITALISTS AND OF SUPPORTING "EVEN THE CHILEAN FASCISTS." HE COMPLAINED OF PEKING'S PROPAGANDA, REFERRING TO A RECENT "CANARD" CONCERNING AN ALLEGED BORDER CLASH IN THE TORUGART PASS. PEKING IN ANY EVENT HAS NO BUSINESS CRITICIZING THE USSR, IN VIEW OF THE APPALLING TREATMENT IT ACCORDS ITS OWN MINORITIES (50 MILLION STRONG) WHO LOOK ENVIOUSLY AT THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA AND AT THE WAY THE NATIONALITY QUESTION HAS BEEN SOLVED IN THE USSR. HAN CHINESE DOMINATION WAS, HE CONTAINED, AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE CHINESE THEMSELVES AS WELL AS A DANGER FOR PEACE AND SOCIALISM. USUBALIYEV PROFESSED TO SEE CONFIDENTIAL

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A DAY COMING WHEN A MARXIST-LENINIST POLICY WOULD TRIUMPH IN CHINA.

24. TURNING TO ECONOMIC MATTERS, USUBALIYEV NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN GREAT STRIDES FORWARD IN KIRGIZIA DURING THE 9TH FIVE YEAR PLAN. THE TOKTOGUL'SKIY HYDRO-ELECTRIC STATION HAD BEEN COMMISSIONED, AND SEVERAL LARGE FACTORIES COMPLETED. THE UNDISTURBED FUTURE OF KIRGIZIA LAY IN HYDROELECTRIC POWER. NON-FERROUS METALLURGY, MACHINE BUILDING, LIGHT INDUSTRY AND THE FOOD INDUSTRY. AGRICULTURE ALSO DID WELL, THANKS IN LARGE PART TO THE DECISIONS OF THE MARCH 1965 CC PLENUM AND TO BREZHNEV'S IRRIGATION POLICY. IN THE FUTURE, KIRGIZ AGRICULTURE WILL, HE PLEDGED, DEVELOP SHEEP-RAISING, GRAIN, SUGAR AND COTTON.

25. L.A. KOSTANDOV, USSR MINISTER OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY (FROM FEBRUARY 26): KOSTANDOV LINGERED ON THE BENEFITS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, STRESSING THAT ECONOMIC TIES AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH INVOLVED JOINT PLANNING RESEARCH AS WELL AS COOPERATION IN PRODUCTION. THE GDR AND HUNGARY WERE ESPECIALLY SINGLED OUT IN THIS RESPECT. HE NOTED THAT IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES IN THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY PERMITTED MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION: PROJECTS UNTHINKABLE TEN YEARS AGO HAD COME TO PASS INVOLVING LEADING FIRMS OF ITALY, GERMANY, FRANCE, BRITAIN, AND JAPAN. HE PRAISED THE SYSTEM OF PAYING FOR FOREIGN-PROVIDED TECHNOLOGY WITH THE RESULTANT OUTPUT, CITING THE RECENT LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WITH THE US FOR SUPERPHOSPHORIC ACID AS AN EXAMPLE TO BE EMULATED.

26. THE REST OF THE SPEECH WAS A PAEAN OF PRAISE TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY TO THE SOVIET ECONOMY.

FERTILIZER PRODUCTION, MENTIONED IN SEVERAL CONTEXTS, EMERGED AS A KEY AREA. THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY TO THE NEEDS OF THE CONSUMER WERE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED. KOSTANDOV ACKNLWLEDGED THAT SOME OF THE CRITICISMS DIRECTED AGAINST HIS INDUSTRY WERE VALID, SUCH AS GENERAL INEFFICIENCY AND HAD CAPITAL ALLOCATION. HE PROMISED TO DO BETTER, ESPECIALLY IN PAINTS, FILMS, AND CERTAIN LOW VOLUME CHEMICALS. HE CON- CLUDED BY CRITICIZING THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND PETROLEUM MACHINE BUILDING FOR HOLDING HIS MINISTRY BACK.
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